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U.S. Patent No. 6680,124 B1 corresponds to WO 99/45044, U.S. Patent No. 6,893,729 B2 corresponds to WO 01/60606 A1 and EP 0 472 908 A2 corresponds to JP 4-85305.

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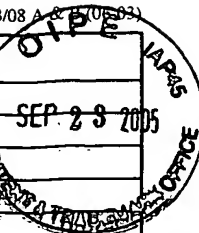
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